

# Social Studies Update

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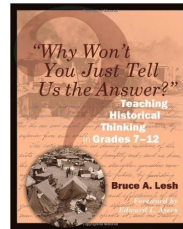
## Questions?

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## Iowa Council for the Social Studies Conference

The Iowa Council for the Social Studies annual conference takes place October 6, 2016 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. This year's theme is Raising the Social Studies Standard: Social Studies for the 21st Century. The keynote speaker is Bruce Lesh, a veteran social studies teacher and currently the social studies consultant at the Mary-

land Department of Education. Bruce is also the author of *Why Won't You Just Tell Us the Answer: Teaching Historical Thinking in Grades 7-12*. The book will be available for purchase when you register and Bruce will be available to sign books at



the conference. If you are still interested in doing a session at the conference, please put in a session proposal [here](#). Registration will be open soon. License renewal credit will also be available at the conference. For more information go to [www.iowasocialstudies.org/annual-conference.html](http://www.iowasocialstudies.org/annual-conference.html)

## Literacy Corner: Creating Text Sets

The Iowa Core Literacy Standards for History/Social Studies embrace the use of text sets. A text set is a collection of related texts organized around a topic or line of inquiry. The line of inquiry of a given set is determined by an anchor text—a rich, complex grade-level text (CCSSO). Text, under these standards,

is defined as not just written text, but images, sound recordings, political cartoons, and much more. The use of such texts is essential for building student background knowledge about a given topic and best practices in a social studies classroom. Check out official guidance for creating text sets [here](#). Check out

these sample text sets from Achieve the Core [here](#). Go [here](#) for professional development resources on how to build text sets. Questions about creating text sets? Contact [stefanie.wager@iowa.gov](mailto:stefanie.wager@iowa.gov).

## Social Studies News

### \$500 to Participate in Study on Vocabulary and Professional Development

Do you have English Language Learners in your classroom? Do you teach 8th grade American history? If so, you could receive a \$500 stipend and an institutional membership to the National Council for the Social Studies by participating in a research study. For more information go to [www.inresg.org/tsg](http://www.inresg.org/tsg).

### Camp Dodge Features Interactive World War I Exhibit

Visit the Iowa Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge to see their new World War I exhibit. The exhibit features an interactive fighting trench and recreates an urban street in a shelled French village. For more information go [here](#).

### Sandra Day O'Connor Making Her Mark on Video Games

Since retiring from the Supreme Court, Sandra Day O'Connor has been busy emphasizing the need for better civic education across the country. She was an integral founder of iCivics, a mostly games-based curriculum that helps teach key elements of civics and government. Check out a story on iCivics [here](#).

### Iowa's United States Senate Youth Program Delegates Return from Week in Washington

Two Iowa students, Timothy Foley and Beau Ragland, were selected as Iowa's delegates to the United States Senate Youth Program. They recently returned from a week-long program in Washington D.C. Check out a photo of all of the delegates [here](#). For more information on getting one of your students to apply go [here](#).



### UNITED STATES SENATE ★ YOUTH PROGRAM ★

54th Annual Washington Week ★ March 5-12, 2016

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### Are Your Students Interested in Being Poll Workers?

This is posted on behalf of the Iowa Secretary of State's Office. Do you have a recommendation of a highly motivated, competent and organized student who might serve as an Election Day worker? I have encouraged students to participate in our elections process through our Caucus 101 Curriculum ([www.caucus101.com](http://www.caucus101.com)), mock Caucus, and mock caucus election (65,000 Iowa students voted!). This is another activity that would increase civic participation from young Iowans. This document will give you an excellent overview of what a poll worker does: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/pollwatcherposter.pdf>

Here are some reasons why students should serve as poll workers:

- Students are given the opportunity for hands on experience in learning how elections are conducted and they gain a lifelong appreciation for the democratic process.
- Students receive training on how to provide services to voters at the polls and this experience can help with work experience.
- Students' presence will inspire other students to register and to vote when they reach 18 years of age.
- Students will show their communities the support of the younger generation and at the same time meet new people.

Each county Republican and Democrat Chair provides their County Auditor with a list of suggested poll workers.

The first step would be for you to contact your county auditor and see if they need poll workers.

- County Auditor list: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/auditors/auditorslist.html>)
- County Republican Chairman list: <https://www.iowagop.org/about/leadership/>
- County Democrat Chairman list: <http://iowademocrats.org/about/county-parties/>

My office has put together a handout for hiring students. Here is a link to that handout.

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/auditors/pollwkrtr.html>

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## Social Studies News (*continued*)

### The Future of Democracy

This article from the National Endowment for the Humanities outlines the critical role the humanities play in ensuring civic participation. Check it out [here](#).

### Save the Date! Iowa History Ed Camp

Mark your calendars for November 5, 2016. This is the date that History Ed Camp is returning to Iowa. The event is modeled after other Ed Camps, but with a history twist. Check out more information about the event at <http://historycamp.org/iowa/>.

### Start a Rho Kappa Honor Society for Social Studies at Your School

Rho Kappa is the national honor society for social studies. There is currently only ONE Iowa school who is designated as a Rho Kappa chapter. Think about starting a student chapter at your school. For more information, go to <http://www.socialstudies.org/rhokappa>.

### New Iowa Core Blog

Check out Jane Schmidt's (former Iowa Teacher of the Year) most recently blog. The blog, entitled Voice from the Field is a regular blog post by Jane on how her district is implementing the Iowa Core. Check it out [here](#).

### Save the Date! APA Summit on High School Psychology

Do you teach psychology? If so, you might be interested in attending the first-ever APA summit on high school psychology. The summit will be held in July 2017 at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. For more information go [here](#).

### Reinventing the High School Government Course

Check out this article from Walter Parker (University of Washington, Seattle) and Jane Lo (Florida State University) on thinking about rigor, simulations, and learning from text in order to teach government. View the article [here](#).

### U.S. Students Stagnate in Social Studies

Check out [this article](#) from the Wall Street Journal on how test scores are largely flat in U.S. history, geography, and civics across the U.S. The article points out that many educators point to an increased focus on math and reading as the culprit.

### Iowa College Presidents Write Op-Eds on Importance of Civic Engagement

Several Iowa college presidents have recently written articles commenting on the need for better civic education and engagement. Check them out at

- [President Reynders Morningside College Sioux City Journal](#)
- [Iowa Western Community College President Kinney, Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil](#)
- [Mercy College of Health Sciences President Decker, Des Moines Register](#)
- [Coe College President McNally, Cedar Rapids Gazette](#)

*Knowledge of our history, ideals, and system are not innate, but acquired through education. "The better educated our citizens are, the better equipped they will be to preserve the system of government we have. And we have to start with the education of our nation's young people. Knowledge about our government is not handed down through the gene pool. Every generation has to learn it, and we have some work to do."*

-Sandra Day O'Connor

## Social Studies Resources

### Teaching World War I

Check out [this website](#) from the United States World War I Commission. The website includes an entire set of curriculum for teaching WWI.

### Using Pre-Reading Strategies to Support Any Prompt

The Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) recently highlighted 5 strategies to use when pre-reading. They are: [close reading– first read](#), [source evaluation](#), [sourcing like a historian](#), [text selection routine](#), and [identifying text features](#).

### Political Cartoons on Congress

Check out [this extensive collection](#) of political cartoons from the Clifford Berryman collection. This guide includes not only a collection of political cartoons, but also information on how to use political cartoons.

### Bill of Rights in Action

The Constitutional Rights Foundation has released the most recent edition of Bill of Rights in Action. This issue covers the election of 1912, Edward Snowden and the NSA, and more. Check it out [here](#).

### Global Leadership Week Resources

Global Leadership Week took place in April, but if you missed it, you can check out the resources that were curated during the week. Check out the list [here](#).

### Teaching about Senator Eugene McCarthy

Do you teach about the 1968 presidential campaign? If so, you may want to check out this new document on Senator McCarthy. You can view it [here](#) and at [www.higenemccarthy.com](http://www.higenemccarthy.com).

### Road to Racial Justice Board Game

This game is a free, downloadable, team-based “board” game that supports and encourages cross-cultural understanding and compassionate action. Check it out, and download the game, at [www.roadtoracialjustice.org](http://www.roadtoracialjustice.org).

### Iowa Civil Rights Toolkit

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission put together this very comprehensive civil rights toolkit to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Iowa Civil Rights Act. The toolkit includes primary sources of key Iowans, events, and activities connected to Iowa’s civil rights history. Check it out [here](#).



### Roots Reimagined

The History Channel is re-airing Roots over the course of four nights, starting May 30th. Their website also includes teacher resources in order to use Roots in the classroom. Check it out [here](#).

### Teaching World Religions

If you teach world religions, here are some resources to check out. The Harvard Divinity School has a site called the [Religious Literacy Project](#) and has resources on the five main world religions. They are also offering a [free online course](#) on teaching each of these religions.

### Teaching American History Archived Webinars

Teaching American History offers several webinars focused on social studies content throughout the year. They also archive those webinars. Check out some of the latest webinars: [Dwight Eisenhower](#) and [Jefferson and Hamilton](#).

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## Social Studies Resources (*continued*)

### Selecting and Using Primary Sources with Difficult Topics

Check out [this blog post](#) from the Library of Congress on how to select and use primary sources around difficult topics. The post includes links to webinars and other resources the Library of Congress has done in the past to provide support in this area. The Newseum also includes resources for teaching difficult topics. Check out [Freedom in the Balance](#) and [the teacher guide](#).

### Latest Issue of Social Studies Research and Practice

The Social Studies Research and Practice Journal is free and open to access. This issue includes topics about using children's literature in social studies, addressing English Language Learners in a social studies classroom, support for student questioning and much more. Check it out [here](#).

### Gilder Lehrman Releases Latest Issue of History Now on Alexander Hamilton

The latest issue of History Now, entitled Alexander Hamilton in the American Imagination features essays by noted historians, ideas from teachers on how to teach about Hamilton, video clips, and more. Check it out [here](#).

### PBS Learning Media Resources

PBS Learning Media has several social studies resources. Check out [60 Second Presidents](#), [Visual Literacy and How to Question an Image](#), and several Crash Course resources on social studies topics such as [Federalism](#), [Political Parties](#), [American Muslims: Fact vs. Fiction](#), and more.

### 10 Graphic Organizers for Historical Thinking Skills

Check out [this blog](#) post on 10 pictographic organizers to help analyze primary sources and promote historical thinking skills.

### Library of Congress Videos

The Library of Congress has a wide and diverse collection of videos. Check out [this](#) one on mapping the Lewis and Clark journey, this one on [WWII Missions of CIA Directors](#) and this one on the [Immigration Act of 1965](#).

### King Research and Education Institute

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute at Stanford University has a vast collection of King resources. In addition, there is specific information for kids, teachers, students, and researchers. Check it out at <https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/>.

### National Humanities Center Video Collection

The National Humanities Center has a wealth of recorded webinars available on their YouTube channel. These range from topics such as, Who Started the Cold War to the Underground Railroad. Check out the collection [here](#).

### Iowa Heritage Digital Collection

Teaching Iowa history? Check out this extensive collection of Iowa history resources at [www.iowaheritage.org](http://www.iowaheritage.org).

### Resources from the Newseum

The Newseum offers several social studies related resources including many resources about teaching media literacy. A few recent resources include a collection of newspapers with incorrect headlines such as Dewey Defeats Truman. Check out the collection [here](#). They also have several resources on teaching the 2016 election. See those [here](#).

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## Social Studies Resources *(continued)*

### Deliberating in a Democracy

Deliberating in a Democracy in the Americans is designed to promote the teaching and learning of democratic principles and the skills of civic deliberation among a new generation in the United States and Latin America. Visit [www.deliberating.org](http://www.deliberating.org) to download free lessons.

### Webinar Commemorating 15th Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks

The 9/11 Memorial Museum invites teachers and students to participate in an online webinar commemorating the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The webinar will be broadcast live on Monday, September 12th at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM (Eastern). It will be recorded and available online as well. To register go to [www.911memorial.org/anniversary-schools](http://www.911memorial.org/anniversary-schools).

### Road to Racial Justice

The Road to Racial Justice is a free, downloadable board game that supports and encourages cross-cultural understanding and action. Check it out, and download the materials, at <http://www.roadtoracialjustice.org/>.

### Using Google Forms for Primary Source Analysis

The new version of Google Forms allows you to embed images, video, etc. This is a perfect addition in order to ask students to do primary source analysis within Google Forms. Check out an article about this [here](#).

### Veterans National Education Program

The [Veterans National Education Program](http://www.veteransnational.org) contains a vast amount of resources. One of those resources is the Global Awareness Map ([www.globalawarenessmap.org](http://www.globalawarenessmap.org)). They have just added 30 video clips on France and Belgium to this site. Check it out!



### Unfiltered News

Unfiltered News is a new site that uses an interactive cartogram to help you find trending news stories from around the world. Check it out [here](#).

## Professional Development

### Geographic Alliance of Iowa Offers Several Summer Workshops

Check out extensive [this list](#) of workshops being offered by the Geographic Alliance of Iowa. Each workshop will be offered for only **\$75 per UNI credit hour (graduate or undergraduate)**. If you have any questions please contact Alex Oberle at [Alex.Oberle@uni.edu](mailto:Alex.Oberle@uni.edu).

### FREE Coursera Courses

Have you ever checked out Coursera? They have several free social studies related courses. Some of the upcoming ones related to social studies include The Age of Jefferson, Public Policy Challenges of the 21st Century, ELL Success in the Content Classroom, Narratives of the Civil Rights Movement and more. Check them out [here](#).

### FREE MOOC on Teaching Speaking and Listening Skills in Social Studies

The Ohio Council for the Social Studies is offering this free MOOC on how to teach speaking and listening skills in social studies. Check it out [here](#).



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## Professional Development (*continued*)

### Teaching Iowa History with Local Resources

The Iowa Museum Association is again offering a two-day workshop on how to use local resources and museums to teach Iowa history. This workshop will take place at the Madison County Historical Museum and will be available for license renewal credit. Go [here](#) for more information or to sign up for license renewal credit. Check out the workshop flyer [here](#).



### Free Statewide Conference on Advanced Placement

Please join the Bureau of Standards and Curriculum at the Radisson Conference Center in Iowa City on June 20 as AP educators from across Iowa gather with The College Board to discuss and explore strategies and best practices for strengthening and expanding Advanced Placement opportunities for our Iowa students. This is a unique and potentially powerful way to gather our collective expertise, resources and voices as we continue advocating for rigorous learning opportunities for our students. It is free and open to all. Please register by June 10. Go to [www.bit.ly/apiowa2016](http://www.bit.ly/apiowa2016) for more information and to register.

### FREE Teaching Deliberatively Workshop

An *Iowa Writing Project* course for interdisciplinary teams of high school teachers that features attention to public issues and deliberative democracy while using writing to develop civic literacy as authorized by Iowa Core and national standards. This UNI Graduate Level course explores levels of implementation and high school transformation by bringing issue exploration and public deliberation into school curriculum and community life. Educators learn how to help students frame local issues for deliberation, and how to convene, moderate, record and report on local deliberative forums. Check out [www.iowapartners.org](http://www.iowapartners.org) for more information or click on the link below to register.

**Start/End:** July 18 – July 22, 2016

**Location:** Iowa State Education Association Headquarters 777 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Des Moines 50309

**Mon – Friday:** 8:30 – 4:30 PM (some variance M am & F pm)

**Tuition:** \$448 (FREE to Iowa educators)

**Instructor(s):** Dr. James Davis, Associate Professor

**Class Section:** 60

**Class Nbr:** 71395 - Graduate Level Course

[Teaching Deliberatively](#) registration – Through Continuing and Distance Education

### Teaching with Primary Sources Online Course

The Teaching with Primary Sources Midwest Region is offering online graduate courses this summer. The Teaching with Primary Sources program at Illinois State University offers several professional development opportunities each semester for K-12 teachers. This online course is available for two graduate credits from Illinois State University. Sign up for the course [here](#).

### FREE Iowa Jump\$tart Conference

Iowa Jump\$tart will be offering a free conference for any teacher who teaches financial literacy. The conference takes place June 22, 2016 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. Conference registration and lunch is provided at no cost. To register go to <http://iowajumpstart.org>.



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## Professional Development Opportunities (*continued*)

### Teaching and Learning Iowa History: Iowans & the Struggles Against Anti-Black Racism

(July 1-31 online class, July 29 workshop day in Cedar Rapids)

Join us for this deep dive into Iowa's history of the Civil Rights Movements and struggles against anti-Black racism. Whether you're an elementary or a high school teacher, you will leave the course with lots of great primary sources, content, and teaching ideas to integrate into your curriculum. The class is available to teachers for 1, 2, or 3 licensure renewal credits (\$100/credit) or ISU graduate credit (cost of tuition). It is also free to the general public for no credit. Students work through self-paced online modules between July 1-31 with one face-to-face workshop at the African American History Museum of Iowa on July 29 (required for those taking the class for 3 credits; past class participants may also attend the workshop for 1 licensure renewal credit). Last year was a *huge* success, and we hope to reach even more teachers this summer! For more information, see <http://www.education.iastate.edu/graduate-studies/social-cultural-education/talih.html> or email Katy Swalwell at [swalwell@iastate.edu](mailto:swalwell@iastate.edu).

### Economics for Leaders

The Foundation for Teaching Economics is sponsoring a professional development program for economics teachers this summer. Most costs are covered for attending. Go to [www.fte.org](http://www.fte.org) and click on Teacher Programs to see more information.

## Social Studies Awards, Grants, and Competitions

### High School Psychology Outreach Grants

These grants support innovative programs that support networking, professional development, and educational outreach opportunities for high school psychology teachers and students. \$10,000 is available. The application deadline is **July 1, 2016**. <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/psychology-teacher-network.aspx>

### Council for Economic Education Teaching of Economics Award

The Council for Economic Education seeks nominations for the Teaching of Economics Award. Each awardee will receive a cash prize of \$2,500, a scholarship to attend the annual conference in Phoenix, recognition at an award's luncheon, and more. For more information go [here](#).

### Notice2POTUS Essay Contest

By **June 18<sup>th</sup>**, students aged 14-24 can submit an essay to BMe's Notice2POTUS Essay Contest to share their researched-based policy recommendations on important issues that can be addressed by the 2016 presidential candidate; Public School Reform, College Affordability/College for All, Employment Opportunities, Police Brutality/Justice Reform, Black Lives Matter, Immigration, or National Security. Participants will compete for cash prizes up to \$1,000, travel, and the opportunity to publish and participate in panel discussions. [Apply here](#).

### Teacher Impact Grants

ASCD is sponsoring a grant program to support teachers in ideas, programs, or initiatives to improve education. Teachers can apply for these grants— up to \$10,000 from now until June 16th. For more information go [here](#).